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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Re. Appellant: Thomas C. Mielenhausen
Serial No.: 09/309,831
Filed: May 11, 1999
For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
CONVERTING WORDS TO ABBREVIATIONS, CONVERTING
ABBREVIATIONS TO WORDS, AND SELECTING
ABBREVIATIONS FOR INSERTION INTO TEXT
Examiner: Cong Lac T. Huynh
Art Unit: 2178
Confirmation No.: 8013
Attorney: Nelson R. Capes
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Docket No.: 33197.8
Additional Fees: Charge to Deposit Account 023732
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APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF

This Reply Brief is submitted under 37 CFR 41.41 to the Examiner's Answer mailed
June 8, 2006.

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I. ARGUMENT


1. The Examiner's Answer appears to be an exact duplicate of that of June 29, 2005, other than complying with 37 CFR §41.39. No new arguments are raised and no new responses to Appellant's arguments are made. There appear to be no new grounds of rejection so designated.

2. Accordingly, Appellant requests that the Appeal be maintained.

3. More than seven years have elapsed since the filing of the patent application on May 11, 1999. Since that time, the Examiner has twice withdrawn his objections to the application, causing Appellant to incur the expense of providing numerous responses to Office Actions, two Appeal Briefs, and two Replies to Examiner's Answer. Appellant therefore requests that the Appeal be docketed for expedited handling.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Appellant's Reply Brief (Two pages); and
2. Postcard receipt.

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